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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2005 for three (3) month(s) from July 18, 2005 to October 18, 2005. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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